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## Chancellor Penney addresses UMB at Convocation '88

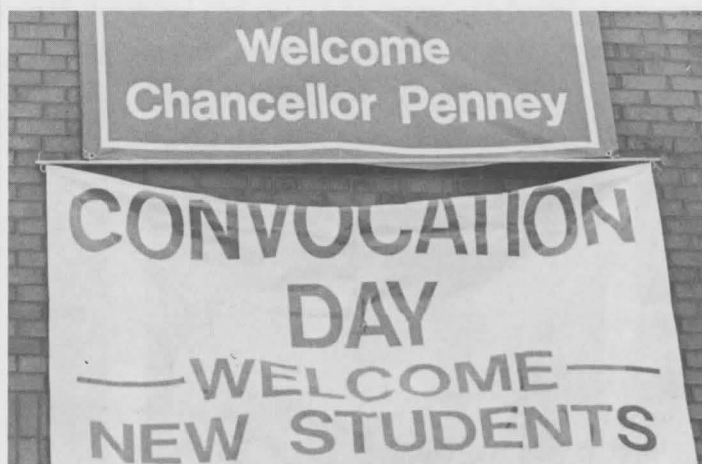
In her first appearance as the new Chancellor of UMass/Boston, Dr. Sherry H Penney proclaimed a "student bill of rights" to the faculty and students gathered at Convocation at the Harbor Campus.

She told the assemblage at the Dorchester campus that "we can work together to implement our own UMass version of the student bill of rights" which she said includes "the right to access to higher education," the "right to a student body, staff and faculty who are diversified in talents, interest and backgrounds" and "the right to know at least one professor well enough to view him or her as a friend."

"You have a right to some classes at least that are small enough to be truly interactive," the new Chancellor continued. "You have the right to support services, to counseling, that really works for you. You have a right to continuing relationships with your university after you graduate."

Further, Chancellor Penney told the academic gathering:

"Most of all, you have the right to pursue truth in your own way, to learn facts, to develop skills and acquire the habit of critical thinking which separates fact from fantasy, truth from propaganda, impressions from analysis, emo-



Chancellor Sherry H. Penney (lower right) was welcomed to UMB at her Convocation address (top).

tion from reason."

Calling especially on the students for their feedback, Dr. Penney told them that they have "the right and responsibility to participate in the building of this

community by presenting us with your thoughts and feelings about this joint enterprise in which we are involved. No healthy and lasting society," she pointed out "is possible if it is built exclusively from the top down."

Chancellor Penney, before she took over her duties at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, was Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs, Policy and Planning of the State University of New York. In her new position she is the leader of an institution with over 13,000 students and nearly 600 teaching faculty.

In her remarks, she called at-

tention to the fact that the University of Massachusetts, with its three campuses, celebrates its 125 anniversary this year, while the Boston campus marks its 25th.

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Dr. Sherry H. Penney

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# SCENES FROM CONVOCATION

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Distinguished Service Award winners among Classified Staff turned out 13-strong for Convocation ceremonies. Left to right, front row: Gayle Taylor, ILT; Kathleen Beauchamp, Central Mailroom; Margaret Sage, Accounting and Finance; Linda Conant, Student Financial Management; Maria Geradell, Chief Telephone Operator; Irene Ryan, SAC; Liliana Green, Admissions; Diane Vasseur, External Relations. In rear, left to right: John Potter, Media Services; Phillip LeBlanc, Central Duplicating; John Robinson, Media Services; Cathy Hennessey, Procurement; Jean MacGowan-Berman, Music. Missing from photo: Patricia Bennett, Marketing; Ali Guvendiren, Student Info, and Alice L. Wagner, Copy Center.



**Above, left:** Graduate School Dean Fuad Safwat presents Madden-Quigley Award for Excellence in the Field of Education to Beatrice T. Doherty of West Roxbury; **center.** UMass President David C. Knapp introduces new Chancellor Sherry H. Penney; **right:** Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service is held aloft by winner Prudence King at Convocation.

**Right:** Watertown High School's "Red Raider" band provided a musical backdrop to Convocation Day ceremonies. Here Director Douglas Williams poses with Chancellor Sherry H. Penney and, left, Vice Chancellor Donald Babcock and, right, Don Costello, a Watertown native.







*Dr. Jemadari Kamara*

## Dr. Kamara appointed dean of CPCS

Dr. Jemadari Kamara has joined UMB as Dean of the College of Public and Community Service. He most recently served as Director of the African Afro-American Studies Program at the University of Michigan/Flint.

Dr. Kamara received a BA from Tufts University in 1972 and a Ph.D. in Urban, Technological and Environmental Planning from the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor in 1983.

The mission of CPCS is to improve public and community services in the metropolitan area. One of its primary objectives is to recruit students from communities that have traditionally experienced inadequate services.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kamara has been deeply involved with public service activities. During the early part of his career he was a founding member on the Board of Directors of the Roxbury Multi-Service Center Endowment Fund.

At the University of Michigan, he served from 1980-82 as Director of the William Monroe Trotter House, a minority student center.

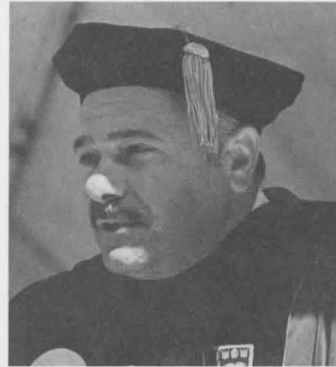
In Benin, West Africa, 1985-87, while on a Senior Fulbright Fellowship, Dr. Kamara became involved in helping an African group adopt small-scale entrepreneurial models so that the country might make use of technological advances in agriculture.

## Dr. Leverett J. Zompa named interim Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UMB

Professor Leverett J. Zompa has been named interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the 1988-89 academic year by UMass/Boston Chancellor Sherry H. Penney.

"We are very fortunate to be able to call upon Dr. Zompa, currently a Professor of Chemistry, to serve as Provost," said Chancellor Penney. "He is well regarded in the academic community and I know that with his talent and energy it will be an extremely productive and effective year for the Academic Affairs Office."

"I am enormously grateful to



*Dr. Leverett J. Zompa*

him being willing to serve in this interim appointment. Within a

few weeks a Search Committee will be formed. I am hopeful that the new Provost will assume office by June, 1989."

A graduate of Merrimack College, Dr. Zompa received a Masters Degree from the College of Holy Cross in 1960 and Ph.D. from Boston College in 1964. He is a senior member of the the Chemistry Department, having joined the University in 1966. He served as Chairman of the Chemistry Department and also served as Director of the Graduate Program in Chemistry.

## Dr. Brenda Smitherman Cherry joins UMB as Dean of College of Nursing in January

Dr. Brenda Smitherman Cherry will join the UMass/Boston as Dean of the newly-named College of Nursing on January 1, 1989.

She currently is the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, School of Nursing, at George Mason University. She also served as the Director of Undergraduate Nursing at George Mason.

Dr. Cherry received her BSN in 1968 from North Carolina A&T State, her MSN from the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1977 and her Ph.D. from Teacher's College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1981.

Dr. Cherry is married to Charles Cherry, a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. They have one daughter, in high school, and a son who is a sophomore at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Nursing baccalaureate program at UMass/Boston is the sixth-largest in the United States. The College offers the Bachelor of Science degree to students new to the profession of nursing as well as to those who have become Registered Nurses through diploma or associate degree pro-

grams. Approximately 700 students are enrolled in these two programs.

The Master of Science in Nursing program this fall will enroll 40 students majoring in nursing education or nursing administration. Faculty members in the College are engaged in significant research and public service and have received major external funding for their research projects, including a Health and Human Services grant to study the long-term health care needs of the elderly. Public service contributions of the faculty have received national and state recognition for their programs.

The College's students, it should also be noted, receive honors for their academic and public service achievements. Each year approximately 33% of the graduating class is inducted into Sigma Tau, the national nursing honor society; in July 1987, the College had a 93% pass rate on the national registration examination board. The combined efforts of faculty and students working together with the Malden Council on Aging has earned them (and the College) annual recognition from the City of Malden.



*Dr. Brenda Smitherman Cherry*

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## Thanh Nguyen receives Alumni Scholarship

Thanh Nguyen of Quincy has been selected as the UMass/Boston Alumni Scholarship winner for the 1988-1989 academic year. She is a junior with a 3.37 cumulative grade point average.

Ms. Nguyen is completing majors in Political Science and Computer Science. Her academic honors include Dean's List standing and admission to the Honor's Program.

Further, she serves on the University Student Senate, having attained the highest vote of any candidate since the Senate's inception. She is Chair of the Senate's Academic and Administration Affairs Committee.

Ms. Nguyen came to the United States as a refugee from

Vietnam in 1982. She endured a family separation and had to learn a new language.

She has helped fellow students at UMass/Boston, many of whom had to deal with similar problems of isolation and adjustment. She started helping fellow students as a mathematics tutor. She also became an advisor to the Vietnamese Student Organization (VSO).

Thanh's work at the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences is yet another example of her commitment to the University.

She was recognized recently at the University's Convocation ceremony held at the Harbor Campus.



*Alumni Association Scholarship Award winner Thanh Nguyen of Quincy accepts award from Alumni President Robert George.*

## Ryan Scholarship bestowed on Jennifer Wilcox at Convocation ceremonies

Jennifer Wilcox of Abington recently was awarded the John W. Ryan Scholarship Award at UMass/Boston's colorful Convocation ceremonies held at the Harbor Campus.

Ms. Wilcox, a double major in elementary education and music, is a junior. The award annually goes to one who has attained the highest cumulative average during the freshman and sophomore years.

"In a University of over 11,000

students, it is an outstanding honor indeed. We are very proud of you," said Provost Leverett J. Zompa in his presentation remarks.

The Ryan Award is named for the first chancellor of UMass/Boston, who is President Emeritus of Indiana University.

**Right:** John W. Ryan Scholarship winner Jennifer S. Wilcox of Abington accepts award from Provost Leverett Zompa.



*Michael A. Ventresca Scholarship winners Danielle McInnis, left, of Norwell, and Julie DiVecchia, right, of Watertown, flank new Chancellor Sherry H. Penney and Roz Jordan, Ventresca's widow. Ventresca was in UMB's first graduating class.*

## UMB awards Ventresca Scholarships to two students

Danielle McInnis of Norwell and Julie DiVecchia of Watertown are the 1988-89 winners of a Michael A. Ventresca Scholarship at UMass/Boston, it was announced by Alumni Director Joseph O'Brien.

Ms. McInnis was awarded a full scholarship and Ms. DiVecchia a partial.

Ms. McInnis is the youngest of eight children, and the first to attend college full time. She has been active in her church, singing in the choir. She is a graduate of Norwell High School.

Ms. McInnis also has been a volunteer at Rosie's Shelter for the Homeless, a Boston facility

for women.

Her high school activities include the soccer team, track and the Spanish Club.

Danielle plans to continue on to law school.

Ms. DiVecchia, a graduate of Watertown High School, served as President of the Student Council, as a Peer Counselor and as a volunteer delivering food baskets to the needy of Watertown.

During her Watertown High School years, she was a representative to the State Board of Education and also worked on a video project for the Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety. The 30-minute video dealt with the nuclear arms race and the Soviet Union.

Presently she is a volunteer for Amnesty International and Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly.

The Ventresca Scholarship Fund was named in honor of a graduate of the Class of 1969, the first at UMass/Boston. He was the first president of the Alumni Association. Ventresca was killed in a tragic automobile accident three years ago. Friends raised \$170,000 for the scholarship fund.

